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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Heavy and light rains in some areas have still delayed most spring planning activities, but water supplies will be well in excess of normal this year. Days suitable for field work remained at 3.3 the same as the previous week. Overall farm activity remained the same while fields are still trying to dry out. Calving and lambing continue with no problems.

Field Crops Summary

Spring wheat and barley still have not been planted in the northern counties. Box Elder reports that fruit trees are not in full bloom due to the cold weather. Onion planting is still slow in response to continued wet conditions. Most counties are reporting very little field work activity due to the stormy weather, but with warmer weather all field operations will likely commence.

Livestock Summary

Livestock reports have been positive throughout the state. Cattle producers across the state are reporting a good calving season this year. Sheep shearing operations have been delayed due to wet weather conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 9, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	21	16	27	48
Barley Emerged	7	6	2	18
Oats Planted	18	15	26	31
Spring Wheat Planted	20	16	34	52
Spring Wheat Emerged	9	7	3	20
Apple Full Bloom	10	NA	NA	6
Apricots Full Bloom	45	11	34	70
Peach Full Bloom	12	4	29	30
Pears Full Bloom	9	NA	59	42
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	14	7	1	16
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	13	9	NA	12

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 9, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	3	2	12	64	19
Winter Wheat	0	5	26	62	7
Sheep	0	3	13	75	9
Cattle/calves	0	1	11	68	20

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 9, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	72	64	78	73
Sheep Sheared on Farm	57	54	53	59
Sheep Sheared on Range	37	25	37	43
Ewes Lambled on Farm	77	68	82	70
Ewes Lambled on Range	30	24	40	37

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 9, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	2	68	30
Subsoil	0	2	87	11
Irrigation water supplies	0	1	93	6
Stock water supplies	0	0	91	9